

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were appealed to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Claims 1, 8 and 15 are independent. In the Decision on Appeal, the rejection of Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15 and 18-20 was sustained, and the rejection of Claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17 was reversed.

MPEP 1214.06 – Examiner Sustained in Whole or in Part

Claims 2 and 3 depend from independent Claim 1, Claims 9 and 10 depend from independent Claim 8, and Claims 16 and 17 depend from independent Claim 15. Applicant has placed dependent Claims 3, 10 and 17 in independent form pursuant to MPEP 1214.06. Claim 2 depends from Claim 3, Claim 9 depends from Claim 10, and Claim 16 depends from Claim 17. Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15 and 18-20 have been canceled.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such allowance.

No fees are believed due with this Amendment. However, if Applicant has overlooked the need for any fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Amendment to the deposit account of IBM Corporation, Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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